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REMARKS

Claims 2, 3-8, 11-24 and 26-29 are in the application. Claims 1, 9-10 and 25 have been cancelled without prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. Applicant gratefully acknowledges allowed claims 19-24, and the allowability of claims 2-8, 11-18 and 26-28.

Response to 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

Claims 1, 9 and 25 were rejected under §112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships of elements (MPEP §2172.01). Claims 1, 9 and 25 have been cancelled rendering the rejection moot with respect to those claims. Claims 2, 11 and 26 have been amended to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims as suggested under the office action section titled "Allowable Subject Matter", and to support the essential structural cooperative relationship of the preamble recitation of controlling or operating a first power supply. For example, claim 2 now recites among other things "a signal is provided to control the first power supply"; claim 11 now recites among other things "providing a control signal to the first power supply"; and claim 26 now recites among other things "provide a signal to controlling the first power supply".

Applicants thus believe that claims 2, 11 and 26 now meet the requirements of §112.

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Response to 35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Goldys et al.

Claims 1, 25 and 29 are rejected under §102(b) as being unpatentable over Goldys et al. (U.S. Patent 6,067,506). Claims 1 and 25 have been cancelled rendering the rejection moot with respect to those claims. Claim 29 depends from allowable as currently amended claim 26, and is thus believed patentable for at least the same reasons.

Pollmeirer et al.

Claims 9, 10 and 18 are rejected under §102(b) as being unpatentable over Pollmeirer et al. (U.S. Patent 5,698,908). Claims 9 and 10 have been cancelled rendering the rejection moot with respect to those claims. Claim 18 depends from allowable as currently amended claim 11, and is thus believed patentable for at least the same reasons.

Applicants thus believe the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the allowability of the subject matter of claims 2-8, 11-18, 19-24 and 26-28. Accordingly, claim Claims 2, 11 and 26 have been amended to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims, and to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph as above.

Applicants have reviewed the other prior art made of record and believe that such art does not affect the patentability of the invention.

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In view of all of the above, it is believed that the claims are allowable, and the case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. A one month extension fee of \$110.00 is believed due by filing this Amendment, thus the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee and any other fees due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 501086.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, applicants invite the examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the examiner's convenience.

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